



WESTERN LIBERAL

The Sign of
PROSPERITY.



VOL. XXVIII. NO. 20

LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO, APRIL 2, 1915.

Subscription \$2 Per Year
Single Copies 10 Cents

The Big Store

Always Solicitous in your Interest

One of our Latest Innovations is Millinery at
1-2 Millinery Store Prices

Our sale of 43 Hats during the past week, of the latest most fashionable and chic Spring Styles, attest this fact. We receive shipments by express of 20 when required, returning hats that don't meet your favor, making it easy for you to get the best selection. Try on all we have in stock and if they don't suit we get more.



We Sell Clark's French and Cream Bread—Baked Daily

Oranges at 25 cents a Dozen

for 176 size. The cheapest Oranges ever sold in Lordsburg since it was a burg.

Bright, green, crisp, fresh vegetables received daily

EASTER NOVELTIES

in Candy, Fluffy Chicks and cute Rabbits. Remember the Children at Easter time.

GARDEN SEEDS

Anything and everything. Guaranteed fresh 1915 seedlings.

The Roberts & Leahy Merc. Co.

LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO

LORDSBURG AUTO REPAIR SHOP

V. G. PEARCE, Manager

All kinds of automobile and machine repair work done promptly and accurately.

Overhauling a Specialty.

FREE AIR

Shop North of Southern Pacific Tracks.

Always the Best In LUMBER

All sizes for all purposes. Get the best Building material at the RITTER Lumber Yard.

FIRE INSURANCE

Reliable companies. Absolute protection. Your fire insurance business carefully attended to.

W.F. RITTER

GALLUP COAL IN ANY QUANTITY

Scott's Garage

Regular Stage Line to Silver City and Tyrone.

\$6.00 One Way.
\$12.00 Round Trip.

Cars go anywhere, anytime. SKILLED HELP GASOLINE, SUPPLIES

Tire repairing as it should be done

See Scott.

Storage and Repair Shop.

Central Restaurant

Now open for business in the McGrath block. New clean quarters. All American Help. Best of everything on the market. Special Dinner Daily. Fresh Oysters. GRAY BROTHERS, Props.

BIG DANCE

SATURDAY NIGHT

K. of P. HALL

Good Time—Good Music
COME ONE AND ALL.

Water, Ice and Electric Plant Bought By W. F. Ritter.

Upon the completion of all legal matters in connection with the transfer it was announced here this week that W. F. Ritter, former manager of the 85 Mining Company and successful lumber and insurance merchant, is the purchaser of the plant and grounds of the Lordsburg Water, Ice and Electric Company. Mr. Ritter will assume general management of the plant and its affairs and has secured competent men to take charge of each department. N. J. McKelroy, formerly of Roswell, N. M., will be superintendent at the electric light plant and experienced men will be at the helm of the ice and water department.

Mr. Ritter has started in to put the enterprise into operation and will doubtless be very successful in his undertaking. A sixty horse power Fairbanks-Morse oil engine was installed at the plant this week and one of the boilers and engines put in a working condition in case of an emergency. A new 50 k. w. generator is en route and by the first of next month electricity will be supplied to the city from the plant. It is the plan of Mr. Ritter to find out the requirements of the business and later on put in larger and more powerful engines, possibly of Diesel type. When in operation, day power will be furnished Lordsburg and will be a welcomed innovation as very few places the size of this city are furnished with a day current. Mr. Ritter also plans to bring here large assortment of electrical appliances such as irons, toasters, electrical heaters, etc., and will carry a big line of this class of goods.

The San Simon chert drill is now down 185 feet on the site of the new well which will supply Lordsburg with water. At a depth of 174 feet the first strata of water was encountered and a second at about 191 feet. No surface water will be allowed to accumulate in the new well as there is in the old, but it will be cased off to the first flow at the 174 foot depth. During the sinking of the new well the formation of talc which gave the water pumped by the old company a milky hue, was not found. The new well will supply the town with the best water to be secured hereabouts. New plunger-pumps have been ordered by Mr. Ritter and will be here within a short time. A 50,000 gallon tank will be erected at the well and an intermediate pump will transfer the water to the tank south of town. These improvements, together with a general reconditioning of the pipes and mains, will give Lordsburg a first class water works.

The ice plant will be remodeled and put into service within a short time. An experienced ice machine mechanic will be here from El Paso to begin the season's production of ice. The old water, ice and electric plant was in a poor condition, part of the equipment being stolen during the close down and a greater part of what was left is practically valueless. The switch board is undergoing a general reconstruction and later on the old power plant equipment, which was too large for the needs of the city, will be overhauled and sold. A good sized force of workmen are engaged in putting the plant back into operation.

Mr. Ritter, the new owner of the plant, has been very successful in all his previous undertakings and will no doubt soon have the new enterprise in operation on a paying basis.

Election Monday

There will be an election Monday at the school house for one school director to serve three years. The only announced candidate is S. M. Chase, who has very ably held the position for the past three years, and was urged to run again. It is generally hoped that politics will be kept out of the election. The choosing of a school director is not a political issue and in selecting a man for the position it is qualifications alone that should count. To mix politics into a matter of education is the lowest form of political greediness. In the past Lordsburg has been unfortunate enough to be come entangled in such a low election but the outlook for the election of Monday seems to eliminate petty political feelings.

Clean Up At Shakespeare

The Eighty-five mining camp has set a good example for Lordsburg. Last week several teams and a force of men were put to work by J. W. Johnson and the 85 Mining Company in cleaning up the camp and a big load of tin cans, garbage, clothing and other refuse was lifted from the community. The people at the camp saw the necessity of such a clean-up campaign with the approaching warm weather and have embarked upon the "sway the fly" plan. It is generally hoped that the "fly" will become a tagalog and that Lordsburg will get busy too.

Local Agent Gets Boast

J. S. Brown and Blaine Phillips, the Lordsburg agents of the Kelly-Springfield truck for every purpose, and who also hold the sole agency for these trucks in the Southwest, have been receiving much publicity through the Kelly-Springfield Monthly Magazine. Several large cuts have appeared in the publication showing the truck in El Paso and Juarez. A feature article by Mr. Phillips appeared in a recent number. It all means advertising for Lordsburg and is bringing the town into prominence as an automobile center.

Larger Pictures at Star

A sixteen by fifteen foot picture is to be shown on a new screen at the Star theatre next week or as soon as new lenses are received and the position coating on the sheet has dried. This will give the local theatre a more realistic picture and lessen the strain on the eyes of the spectator. The new screen will occupy the entire space of the Star theatre stage.

MINES and MINING.

PROMINENT ENGINEER VISITS ATWOOD MINE

On Friday and Saturday of last week the Atwood Mine was examined by John M. Sully of Santa Rita, N. M., general manager of the Chino Copper Company and one of the highest qualified mining engineers in the Southwest. In company with W. D. Murray, president of the Silver City National Bank. The gentlemen arrived here Friday morning and together with J. L. Wells, the engineer of the Atwood Copper Company went out to the mine and took mental inventory of the surface and underground works with a probable object of taking over the mine if suitable terms can be arranged with the owners and the property meets with their approval. There was no-holding back given out as a result of the visit. W. F. Ritter and County Engineer F. L. Cox were in the coterie visiting the Atwood.

It is understood that several individuals have been in consideration of the Atwood mine in consideration. Its favorable location in the Shakespeare district together with the successfulness of the adjoining mine (The 85) has brought the Atwood into the mining limelight and it should, before long, be brought back to its former activity. The Atwood is located on the prominent ore bearing dyke that traverses the district and has the best surface indications of any mine in the region. In the upper workings the ore is lean but the values increase with depth. The main shaft is 315 feet deep with four levels. The principal lateral work was done on the 210 foot level. Several small prospect shafts and open cuts disclose ore in place on the property. The ore occurs as a dense filling and has an average width of about nine feet with values of approximately 88.00 per ton. In some places the values go as high as 86.00 per ton. The mine is equipped with a good surface plant and with proper development work it should be brought to where it would be a paying proposition.

After visiting the Atwood mine Saturday morning, Mr. Sully went over to the 85 Mine power house to view the big Diesel engine.

How well pleased they were with the local mining district and its possibilities is not known but the fact that they are interested in the section gives evidence of attracted attention to the Lordsburg district.

Bonney's New Strike

The Bonney Mining Company in the cross-cut in No. 3 shaft cut into a new level. The new level is carrying high values in gold, silver and copper. Drifting has now been commenced at the 305 foot level. In addition to the permanent work the Bonney Mining Company is now carrying on five different sets of leases working who are taking out high grade ores. This in itself will give the Bonney Mining Company a splendid revenue each year, and more leases will be put to work.

Lordsburg Coming to the Front

The estimated production of gold, silver and copper ores from the Lordsburg camp this year will undoubtedly exceed one hundred thousand tons. This is in comparison with the shipments of 1904 which were 250 tons, show the vast strides this camp has made in the last ten years, and with the present development going ahead, with the present high values in its ores, the camp stands to be the largest money maker in New Mexico. The foreign demand for copper is rapidly increasing. Exports so far for the month of March have been at the rate of 65,000,000 to 70,000,000 pounds; but in spite of this the foreign visible supply is continuing to decrease, therefore causing a sharp greater demand for copper. Lordsburg with its vast mining properties lying south of town will do its part in supplying its portion of the Red Metal. Copper is now quoted at 16 cents a pound and it is up to the investor to investigate the great possibilities in the Lordsburg, New Mexico camp.

A Boon To Desert Land Entrymen

During the last hours of congress a bill was passed that comes as welcomed news to desert land entrymen, and partially dispels the old saying that the government never does you any good. The bill gives entrymen three to five years additional time in which to make final proof on their claims or purchase them, or to convert desert claims to homestead claims if they cannot get water. It was signed by the president on March 4th and affects all persons who made desert entries before July 1st, 1914.

The Land Office has not yet received instructions in regard to the bill but as soon as it goes into effect such announcement will be made in the Liberator.

The bill allows to the desert entryman three forms of relief. If he has failed within the time allowed him under the desert land entry act to be able to make final proof of reclamation and irrigation and cultivation upon a showing of diligence and reclamation he may be granted an extension of three years.

If it then shall appear that he has failed and has expended as much as \$5 per acre, he has perfected permanent improvements of the value of \$1.25 an acre and subsequently pay the government 75 cents an acre.

Joe Hollen returned from El Paso Thursday and will spend a short time here before leaving for San Diego and San Francisco to take in the big shows.

W. F. Bryer of El Paso arrived here Thursday to accept a position with the Lordsburg Power Co.

SCHOOL CLOSED

Dr. E. C. DeMoss closed the Lordsburg public school Monday afternoon on "safety first" principles there being one case of small pox in the community. All children, and grown folks as well, are warned to play the "safety first" game and get vaccinated. The one case reported is mild and no other signs of the disease have become evident.

Lordsburg has been very fortunate in avoiding small-pox until this late in the season as practically every other community in the southwest has been infected with it. Precautionary measures are being taken here to prevent its spreading.

Dixie Jubilee Singers Here Wednesday

The famous Dixie Jubilee Concert Company, composed of some of the best colored talent in the United States, will appear at the Star theatre Wednesday evening, April 7th, under the auspices of the Methodist church. For more than twenty years this company has been delighting audiences throughout the country. There are six persons in the company and each is an artist. Their repertoire is varied with comic, classic and sentimental songs of the Southland and is recommended as a treat, none should miss. They will be here for one performance only on Wednesday evening.

Former Agent Promoted

Eugene W. Clapp, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific and former agent at Lordsburg, received a promotion last week at Tucson and is now sporting the title of general freight agent of the well known district. He took charge of his new office on the first of April.

Hachita Trooper Gets 80 Years.

James Williamson, the negro trooper of the Ninth cavalry charged with having shot and killed a fellow negro trooper at Hachita last fall and who pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree was given 80 years in the District Court at Silver City last week. Williamson appeared before the court and made quite a lengthy explanation of his part in the crime. He spoke in a straightforward manner and showed a cut in the sleeve of his army coat that had been made by a razor in the hands of his alleged assailant. He also showed a character letter from his commanding officer, Major Cook. The letter stated that Williamson was a coward and using this as a basis Attorney Percy Wilson called the attention of the court to the well known theory in criminology that moral cowardism under the stress of extreme fear and terror, such as Williamson claims he was at the time of the killing, develops a fiendish courage and compels a person to act for which they should be held responsible only in the degree in which they have instigated the circumstances leading up to the crime. The court in sentencing Williamson said that if any new facts developed in the case which had a tendency to prove his story true, the court would be glad to investigate.

Round Up At Lake.

Saturday of last week was round-up day at the now dry lake north of Lordsburg. Five or six different cattle outfits were on hand. Over 2,000 head of cattle were claimed by the various owners, cut off from the lands and taken to ranches in all directions. About twenty-five cowmen were in town for the occasion and made things lively about town Friday night and Saturday. Those from over in the Arizona section took on plenty of water at the local soda-water stands.

The cattle down at the lake looks fine and foretell a prosperous spring for the cattle men.

Some of the outfits represented at the round-up were: High Land Cattle Co., Diamond A. Charlie Fuller, the Rainbolts, Cureton Cattle Company, Sam Foster and others.

WANTED: Estimates to sink shaft 300 ft. below 60 ft. level, at Lordsburg, N. M. Contractor required to furnish everything except power plant on ground and timbers. None need answer unless prepared to give bond to complete work. For particulars address Otto Mining Co., Redlands, California.

Run, Run, Run to Johnson and Mads for beautiful Easter flowers and other nice, nobby, novelties.

Something New For The Ladies.

Spirella made to Measure Corsets

Mrs. G. P. JEFFUS
Corsetiere

STAR THEATRE

TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

SAMSON

One of the most spectacular productions of the year. True to history. A film none should miss. A feature brought here at a big expense. Don't miss it!

ADMISSION: 15 cts. and 25 cts.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Regular program with a good comedy. Watch our Bulletin Board.

Prices: 10c, and 15c.

"Mullon Dollar Mystery" every Tuesday evening. Don't miss it. Follow the crowds to the Star Theatre.

Lordsburg's Largest Department Store

We call special attention to our large and complete stock of Groceries, Everything fresh and clean. We receive fresh vegetables on each **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

The Strawberry season is now open, and we will have them regular twice each week, fresh from California.

We just received this week a big shipment of Scudders Pure Maple Syrup, Sugar and Maple Butter.

Buy your Groceries and fresh meats for Easter of us. We can please you, and guarantee everything **WE SELL YOU**

Exclusive agents for S. & W. and

Bernadale Canned goods.

Hill Bros. and Chase and Sanborne Coffees

Try a pound of Meadow Gold Butter, shipped direct from the creamery to us, get it in fresh three times each week.

Local Agents for Fleischmann's Yeast

Get our quantity prices and let us show you what we can save you money on your Grocery Business

The Eagle Drug Mercantile Co.

LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO.

IF YOU PLANT CORN IN THE GROUND, IT MULTIPLIES

PLANT MONEY IN THE BANK IT WILL DO THE SAME

We Solicit Your Checking Account.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Lordsburg, N. M.

Make Your Headquarters at the

Vendome Hotel
LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO

Steam Heat, Hot and Cold Water, Electric Lights, PRIVATE BATHS, REASONABLE RATES

Central Location. Restaurant Adjoining

Dr. R. E. BUVENS
DENTAL SURGEON.

OFFICES: 2 doors East of Postoffice

Permanently Located.

LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO.

FEED & LIVERY STABLE
JONES & BURNS

Boarding stock given good attention. Transferring and drayage.

PHONE 14-2

Suit Cases. All Prices \$1.50 to \$9.00.

C. H. Sullivan and Company